GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1283
ANSWERED ON:27.10.2008
WHEAT PROCUREMENT
Nedurumalli Janardhana Reddy Shri ;Owaisi Shri Asaduddin;Subba Shri Moni Kumar

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a record production and procurement of wheat during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has made suitable arrangements for the safe storage of this wheat;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the price of wheat continue to be high despite record procurement;

(f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor indicating the manner in which the Government proposes to pass the benefits to the consumers;

(g) whether there is also a proposal to export the excess quantity of wheat procured by the Government; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION(DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a)&(b): Yes,Sir.As per the 4th Advance Estimates of Department of Agriculture & Cooperation,the production of wheat in crop year 2007-08 was 784 lakh tones.In the corresponding Rabi Marketing Season 2008-09.26.82 lakh tonnes of wheat has been procured by the Government agencies (Food Corporation of India and State agencies) for the Central Pool.

(c)&(d): Wheat procured for the central pool has been kept in covered and Covered at Plinth godowns (CAP) to ensure its proper storage.

(e)&(f): In 2008-09, the wheat prices have remained stable.Month end wholesale price of wheat at major centres are enclosed.

(g): Presently,there is no proposal to export of wheat.

(h): Does not arise.